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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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In re Application of : Customer Number: 41552
Hood et al. : Confirmation Number: 2563
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Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2004, consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.